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Tax relief costs \$1M

Dysart borrows to lessen tax pain for waterfront property owners

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County councillors unanimously voted to borrow \$1 million in order to lessen potentially huge and inequitable tax hikes for waterfront property owners. Confronted with increases from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) that disproportionately hit waterfront properties an average of 35-40 per cent, and a budgetary shortfall of nearly \$2 million, councillors saw borrowing as the best treatment – not a cure – for its financial difficulties.

"I don't think it's unreasonable to borrow a million dollars," said Warden Murray Fearrey. "We are still going to be hitting waterfront properties with a tax increase, but it's not going to be 35 per cent."

The decision finalizes the 2006 budget after months of trimming department spending and waiting for the crumbs from the provincial budget to arrive. Warden Fearrey defended the debenture on the grounds that the next council will still be in a much better financial position than the current one was when it was

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A river runs through it

Heavy rains late Friday night and the resulting bursting of a beaver dam caused a major washout on Highway 503 south of Tory Hill on Saturday. County road crews were quick to respond to the washout, which was just south of MacDuff Road. Amazingly, the giant chasm, called the worst in a long while by some road workers on the scene, was filled quickly and the road was reopened late Saturday night. Photo, Bryn Weese.

Taxi feud over

Township-cab compromise allows taxi parking in front of bank

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Council averted a potentially ugly stand-off with Hyland Taxi by reaching a compromise that ends a winter-long wrestling match over the right to downtown parking. The deal – agreed upon at the April 10th council meeting of Dysart et al – designates one parking space along Highland St., in front of the CIBC, exclusively for taxis.

"It's resolved," said Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey in an interview afterwards. "I believe it's satisfactory to the cab owner and to the municipality."

It was only last month that council infuriated the cab company by passing a resolution that banned all taxis from parking on Highland St. (main street), and relegated them to a much less visible location on York St. Marty Grant, owner of Hyland Taxi, announced that he would not comply with the bylaw and would challenge any ticket his company incurred. With the compromise, which accommodates Grant's desire to maintain a downtown presence, the feud appears to be over.

"The main place people ask us to drop them off is in front of the CIBC bank," Grant told council prior to their decision.

It also appeases the municipality, which was intent on reducing taxi traffic in front of main

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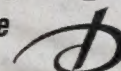
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Critters safe on Sundays in east

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

Highlands East council reaffirmed its opposition to Sunday hunting despite a direct plea from the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters.

The appeal came from Greg Ferrant, OFAH's Government Relations Manager, who asked council to withdraw a previous resolution that refused to endorse the Ontario government's request to allow gun hunting on Sundays.

Ferrant said 67 municipalities across Southern Ontario voted in favour of Sunday hunting – including Dysart et al and Algonquin Highlands – and that many others who voted "no" are in the process of re-evaluating their positions.

"Because of this, we are asking your council to revisit the issue and provide an opportunity for public input and discussion," said Ferrant, who appeared as a delegation at the April 11 council meeting.

Ferrant said Sunday hunting would help counteract approximately \$40-45 million dollars worth of crop damage that is caused primarily by deer and Canada geese.

He also said it would help control burgeoning wildlife populations and reduce the number of traffic collisions involving deer, something he called a serious public safety issue. (According to the Ministry of Transportation, traffic accidents involving wildlife have increased 86 per cent in the last decade).

Councillor Bill Howe took exception with a number of Ferrant's premises:

"I have a great deal of problem with this and a lot of it has to do with your statistics," said Howe. "Deer season is only two weeks and two Sundays is not going to have much of a difference. Plus, we don't have farm land here like a lot of other municipalities, so the destruction of crops is not a big problem. And I have a number of concerns about hunting near cottagers on Sunday."

Councillor Suzanne Partridge mentioned that many residents in the area use Sunday as a day for hiking and that she wouldn't want hunters to interfere or threaten public safety. Ferrant countered this by saying the majority of hunters are extremely safety conscious and that the potential of some incident occurring is negligible.

"Statistically, you are more likely to be hit by lightning than to be bothered by a hunter," said Ferrant.

Opposition against Ferrant continued as Councillor Rick Forget explained that the area is currently focusing its efforts on Geocaching – a high-tech treasure-hunting game that uses GPS devices to find hidden caches in forests – and that he wouldn't want to discourage its marketing by having Sunday hunting.

"Quite honestly, that is the type of thing we are trying to support now," said Forget.

Ferrant pointed to the "heritage value" of hunting, saying that for many, hunting is a family activity. Because most people work during the week, he said, there is only one day free for gun hunting where people can share the experiences with their spouses and children.

Council once again tabled a resolution on the matter and voted 4-1 to ban Sunday hunting. Only Reeve Keith Tallman did not support it.



Ice cream fills in for Easter eggs

Bianca Scuric prepares an ice cream treat as part of Easter celebrations at Haliburton Highlands SS. The treat was offered by the Christian club, Deep Impact, and was supposed to involve a hunt for Easter eggs, but that element of the event was cancelled because of the power outage. Photo, Casey Lessard.

Another big year for music festival

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

Young musicians and singers provided a myriad of inspired performances under the misty yellow glow of the stage lights at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion at this year's music festival.

Performers entertained grateful audiences and at the same time received valuable feedback from respected music experts during the five-day celebration which showcased talents from the elementary school level to high school seniors.

"I always enjoy these things and I always learn something," says Dr. Jeffrey Reynolds, a senior music lecturer at the University of Toronto who adjudicated the instrumental portion of the festival. "I'm always entertained and charmed by the people who play."

The 10th annual Haliburton Highlands Music Festival, which ran April 5 to 9, showcased 247 performances ranging from traditional folk to pop music to classical compositions – a phenomenal amount of variety for a small community.

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Flute Choir, led by music teacher Tom Regina, consisted of four girls dressed in red golf shirts performing a haunting version of "Scarborough Fair". Another performance, with the HHSS guitar class, displayed 19 acoustic guitarists in a unique orchestral arrangement of Elton John's "Can You Feel The Love Tonight?"

In a segment that featured violin soloists at the elementary school level, it was the mothers who seemed more nervous than their children.

"My heart was beating: boom, boom, boom!" says Rosa Kim, who proudly videotaped her son Matthew during his admirable rendition of Brahms' Waltz.

One of the more impressive ensemble performances came from the HHSS Improv Combo, a jazz group that has competed both provincially and nationally. During a rendition of the classic "My Funny Valentine", the students displayed

an emotional maturity that would lend itself better to a smoky lounge of broken-hearted men than it did to a high school theatre.

A central message from Dr. Reynolds was the importance of finding what he called the "rhythmic intent" of the piece. Dr. Reynolds says musicians discover this as their confidence increases and their awareness of the piece's "rhythmic pulse" becomes greater.

"I think that from an adjudicator you get an objective viewpoint, someone who has never heard you before," says Dr. Reynolds. "You have your parents, teachers, and friends, but they get used to hearing you. The adjudicator listens with a fresh perspective. I've never heard any of these kids play before so I may be able to pick up on something the teacher might have missed, or might have been trying to accomplish but gave up on. Or I may just reinforce something the teacher has been working on."

Along with Reynolds, there were two other adjudicators during the festival: Barbara Dunn-Prosser, a professional singer-actress who critiqued the vocal portion of the festival, and Jennifer Knelman, a music instructor at the University of Guelph who oversaw the piano performances.

Tom Regina, of HHSS's music department, thinks it's important for students to get the perspective of someone other than himself.

"They hear me in class but I'm just the guy they see every day," says Regina. "When they see this other guy, a professor at a university, he may say something similar using a different slant. Every time you hear something there is a little bit different spin on it."

Regina says the comments from adjudicators also serve to improve his perspective on the music and the way his students play.

"Some festivals are very competitive," adds Regina. "But here it's just nice and easy-going."

Something's fishy at Sir Sandford

here & there
news and events worth
noting

Dr. Terry Quinney will be speaking on the Atlantic Salmon Restoration Program at Fleming College in Lindsay on Tuesday, April 18 at 7 p.m. Atlantic salmon were once abundant in Lake Ontario and its tributaries. European settlers and overfishing of the spawning populations led to the salmon's disappearance in the 1800s. After 18 years of research and environmental stewardship, the streams have recovered to the point where Atlantic salmon can once again be introduced to Lake Ontario and its tributaries. Dr. Quinney's presentation is free. To reserve tickets call Janice Austin at 705-749-5509.

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The Ajax High School is celebrating its 50th reunion and all alumni are invited. It's from June 23 to 25. Call 905-683-1610 or visit www.ajaxhs.com

Richard Mackenzie from Noah's Park Inn has recently opened a satellite high-speed Internet Café along with renovating the restaurant. Richard is always supporting community events, and local families who are in need. 705 447-2946.

ATVs are reminded that the Rail Trail is closed to ATV traffic until June 1.

Treasurer advises against borrowing to cover budget

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sworn in in 2004. Back then, said Fearrey, the county was in debt by approximately \$2 million and was paying interest on a \$1.7-million Haliburton Highlands Health Services' loan. Fearrey was intent on putting the current situation in context, explaining to his colleagues that the existing municipal debt is in its final payment and the county is no longer guarantor of the HHHS loan. He was also optimistic that the provincial government, which next year will be in election mode, will be more generous with the municipalities in addressing the fiscal imbalance in 2007.

Councillor Eleanor Harrison agreed: "We just can't put those tax increases on those waterfronts," said Harrison. "Being a [provincial] election next year, I think we'll get more money. I can't see us getting less."

The only dissent came from county treasurer Laura Janke, who advised

against borrowing to cover the \$9.9 million net budget. Janke told councillors that borrowing today only puts off the financial conundrum for another year.



County Warden
Murray Fearrey

"The problem I have with borrowing is that by reducing that \$9.9 million down, we'd only be raising \$8.9," said Janke. "But next year we don't have that million again. Next year, if we start at \$8.9 million and everything stays exactly the same, we've got a million dollar problem right off the bat."

So what is the bottom line for taxpayers? The county is actually decreasing the tax rate 18.5 percent, but how that figure manifests itself depends on how the MPAC assessments affected you last fall.

If you were lucky and your property assessment stayed the same, you would experience an almost 20 per cent decrease in your taxes. If your assessment rose by 25 percent, your taxes would increase no more than 0.5-1.5 per cent, depending on your municipality. If your assessment rose by 30 per

cent, your taxes would increase from 2 to 5 per cent. But if your assessment rose by 40 per cent, your taxes would increase considerably, by about 10 to 13 per cent. (All figures take into account the education tax rate and are based on the assumption that your local municipality keeps the same tax rate as last year).

Had council not borrowed this year, property owners with a 40 per cent increase in their assessments could have faced tax hikes by as much as 17 per cent.

The \$1-million loan, based on a five-year repayment plan, will likely incur about \$150,000 in interest payments. Janke says the county might be able to put off the loan until later this year, thanks to a couple of goodwill gestures in the recent provincial budget. The province endowed the county with a \$641,000 grant for roads and bridges and increased ambulance funding in the amount of \$134,000.

Despite the funds, councillors feel the province is a long way from fixing the financial inequities that have pushed the municipality into a considerable shortfall, and are hoping next year brings better news.

"I guess we'll take our chances on next year and see what happens," said Councillor Cheryl Murdock. "A million dollars used to sound like a lot of money. It's not a whole lot of money any more."

Buckle up: OPP's on seatbelt blitz

The 2006 Spring Seat Belt Campaign began on Saturday April 15 and runs until Sunday, April 23. Central Region OPP is hoping to see an increased use of seat belts and proper installation of child car seats.

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Catch a limousine to West Guilford?

Taxi company owner hopes to have limo shuffle running through Haliburton Highlands

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street businesses. Council considered giving Hyland Taxi a spot in front of Subway or Home Hardware, both of which lie on the other side of Hwy. 118. But in the end, in a rare split vote of 3-2, council decided in favour of the more central CIBC location. (Councillor Steve Pogue and Councillor Al Ferguson were not present for the vote. Reeve Fearrey's vote was the deciding factor.)

Hyland Taxi, which now owns a monopoly since archrival Grumpy's Taxi shut down last month from supposed frustration over the lack of municipal regulation in the taxi industry, originally requested that three parking spaces on main street be designated open to any cab company. Although that order was too much for council to swallow, Hyland still has three spots in the downtown core: the municipally sanctioned spot in front of CIBC, a spot in the IGA parking lot, and a third it recently negotiated in the parking lot of The Bargain Shop.

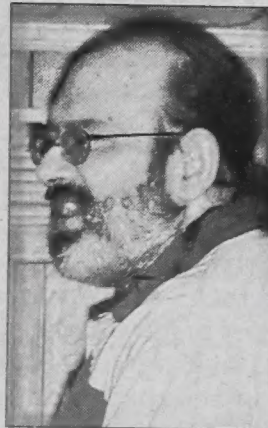
The whole issue became publicized last fall after businesses reportedly complained about taxis occupying prime parking spots in front of their stores on main street. Although council has received mixed messages from the business community since the controversy began, Fearrey appears to be relieved it's all over.

"The BIA [Business Improvement Association], some of them, took a different position than they had verbally taken to council last summer when they complained about cabs being on the street," said Fearrey. "But the reality is we don't have the capacity to have four or five cabs on the street. Now there will be one."

Meanwhile, Grant has requested a letter of support from council in his effort to acquire a public vehicle permit from the Highway Transportation Board. Grant plans to launch a limousine service that will provide a regularly scheduled transportation system for the county. The route would leave from Haliburton in the morning and journey through Minden, Carnarvon, West Guilford, Eagle Lake, and then back to Haliburton. The same route would be carried out again in the afternoon.

"We don't have any real public transportation," says Grant. "I honestly think people will benefit from this."

Grant, who just purchased two limo buses that seat 19 people and allow for standing as well, told council that the bus route would facilitate the movement of workers and shoppers in the county. He estimates the cost will be about \$10 per ride and would consider expanding to Wilberforce, Tory Hill, and Gooderham should the demand be there.



Marty Grant wants to run a limo shuffle.

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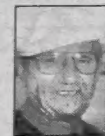
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Lotus of spring

Spring has once again come to the Haliburton Highlands. The white sheet of ice on Head Lake has completely vaporized and already receded into the back chambers of our memory. Choirs of birds greet the first morning light outside our windows, providing a much gentler wake-up call for the day's labourers than the dark, cold silence of winter. Tennis players adorned in

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have ached to be touched after a season-long assault of salt and snow.

Spring comes to the Highlands like an immense lotus, the plant in Greek mythology that causes a dreamy forgetfulness. When Odysseus and his men happened upon an island that was overrun with the lotus plant, they got lost in its narcotic effect, so much so that they forgot about their journey home to Ithaca. In fact, Odysseus had to drag his reluctant men back on the ship to continue their arduous adventure.

And so it is with spring. When the mute and oppressive cover of snow disappears, the clutch of the winter season loses its grip on our hearts. It's as if we collectively take a bite from the honey-flavoured lotus fruit, letting its medicine sedate and melt our frozen muscles, much in the same way a dog unwinds on the carpet under sunlight streaming through a bay window.

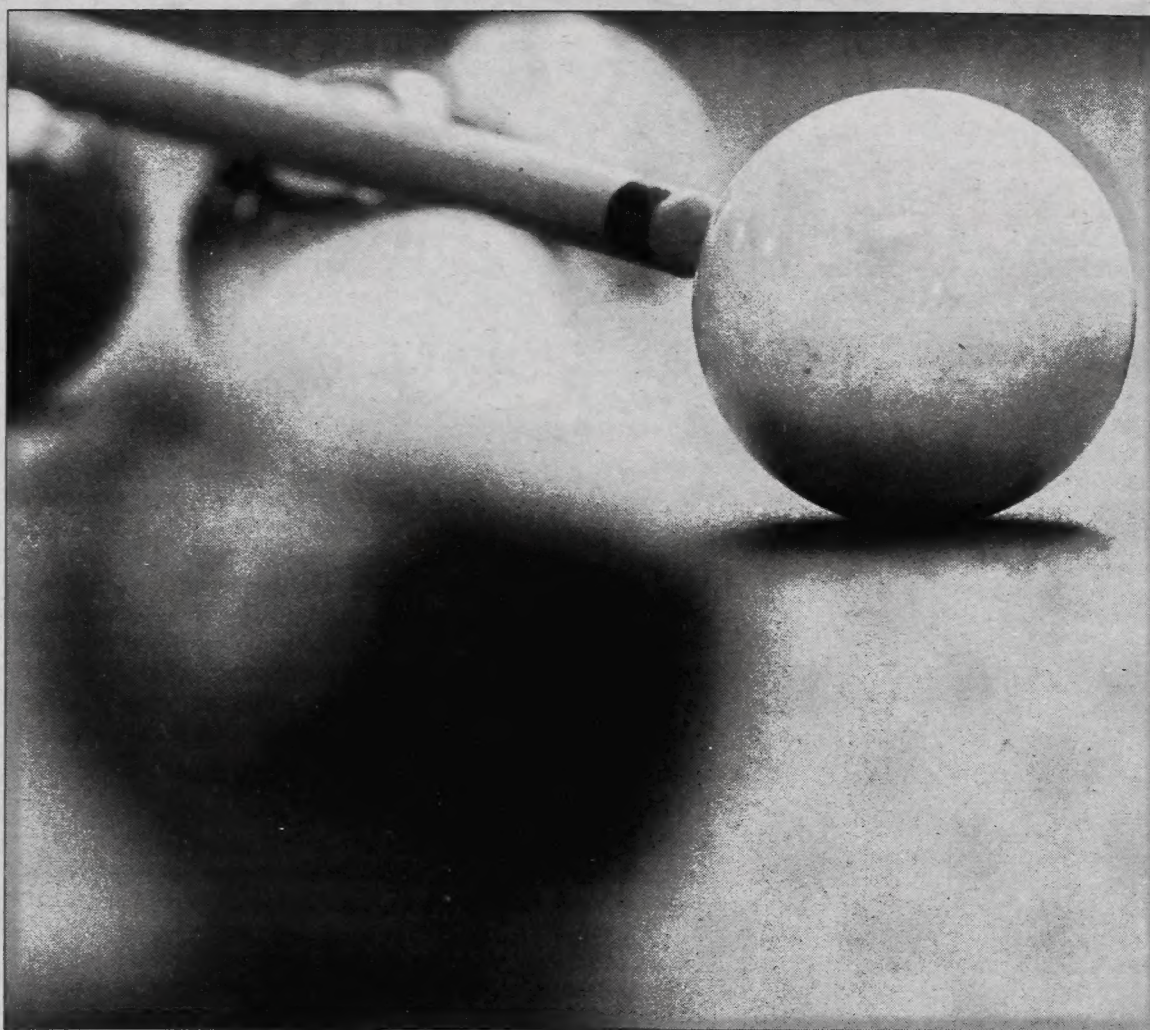
We forget the sadness of having the sun go down while we are still at work as we take our after-dinner walk with a spouse in the warm glow of an evening sunset. We forget the economic desert of winter as we witness the shops and restaurants fill with the chatter of tourists. We forget the hassle of untying our salt-stained boots and peeling off multiple layers of clothing as we pay a visit to our neighbours in sandals and a short-sleeved shirt.

In the Highlands, we are among a geographic minority in the world in that we experience four incredibly well-defined seasons. We don't benefit from a stable climate where there is a relative uniformity to the calendar year, and where there is the security that things won't change too drastically. We live in the extremes. We know that change is the only certainty because it gets repeatedly played out before us every year. It's a lesson that gets hammered into us, unwillingly perhaps. The lesson that everything is ephemeral, and that, in life, you can never hold on too tightly to any one season, person, or thing.

The forgetfulness of spring – the lightest and more graceful of all the seasons – is a testament to our ability to get on with things and forget the past. It's where we dust ourselves off, clean house, and start to appreciate existence a little more. So as you're walking under the orange glow of a late evening sunset, or inhaling the fragrant spring air imbued with fresh vegetation and flowers, or simply watching a lone cloud cross a blue sky from your porch – enjoy it.

For it won't be long before Odysseus will be asking you to move on.

fresh white T-shirts and spotless caps animate green courts like fish in an aquarium. Municipal vehicles are sweeping up dust and sand from roads that



Billiards at the Legion.

Photo by CASEY LESSARD/ECHO

And they just work weekends

As I watch Phil Mickelson saunter up the 18th fairway at Augusta, minutes away from taking a bow as well as a

cool million-dollar-plus cheque as this year's Master's

Champion, I wonder what could have possessed my youthful Canadian mind, wasting all my athletic energies chasing pucks, whacking baseballs and hoofing soccer balls instead of playing golf. Phil Mickelson and his pals work at a game that all men and a lot of women spend their vacations and every spare minute lining up to play. These guys play this game for a living. True, they have to work every weekend in the summer, and some weekends during the winter (in Hawaii and Southern California), but they get the rest of the week off. Of course, not every player is cashing a million-dollar cheque every week. For the losers, the guys whose game goes south for some reason, causing them to finish 'way back in, say, 25th place, their take-home pay drops to about \$50,000. And if they have a particularly bad few games, and finish in 80th place, they grab their measly \$11,000 and head for the practice tee.

One of the nicer things about being a pro golfer, as opposed to a pro hockey player, is the lack of pain. Playing golf just doesn't hurt as much. Hardly any body-checking in golf. Seldom do golfers drop their clubs and gloves and start duking it out on the 14th green. Also, and this is definitely the best part, how many

hockey, baseball, football, or soccer players are still making a good living as a pro at the age of 50? Gordie Howe is the only one I can think

of. Golfers at the age of 50 have their own special tour, previously called the Seniors' Tour and recently renamed The Champions tour so as not to make the guys feel so old. And these 50 to 60 year-old pros still shoot in the high 60s and still rake in millions playing among themselves. Most hockey and baseball players at this age are lucky if they're running their own car lot or restaurant. (Tim Horton notwithstanding)

As for the pros who just don't have the goods to make the PGA tour, they're reduced to becoming club pros and must spend their days teaching hackers like me how to swing a club at anywhere from \$50 to \$100 per half hour. They also get a cut of the profits at the pro shop, and must be available to...well, play golf — with important members or potential members of the club. So an average work day is made up of playing golf, showing people how to play golf and selling golf stuff to people who can't get enough of it.

Now, I'm not saying Canadian boys and girls should put down their hockey sticks and hang up their skates; I'm just saying that they should make sure they put in some time doing what all pro hockey players do after hockey season ends. Spend the summer playing golf.

They even have a slogan in Toronto at this time of year: Go(lf) Leafs Go(lf).



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Don't fence me in

Around these parts, we use electric fences, and not just for recreation either. Originally, the reason was to prevent impressionable livestock from running

off to the dance halls of Bancroft, where, in the old days, many were corrupted with gifts of cigarettes, alcohol, and frilly skirts imported straight from Toronto.

With this in mind, it was only natural that last week, after one of our dogs ran on the road, we decided that an electric fence might also keep our pets from becoming hood ornaments or at the very least from running off to Bancroft. And this is why we strung up another stretch of fencing between our front lawn and the asphalt. Call it tough

tales from



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I'm happy to report that the new section of fence has worked very well for the most part. So well, in fact, that I'm thinking of cancelling our satellite dish subscription and just watching the dumb animals from the comfort of my new lawn chair.

Dixie, our black lab pup, only needed to be zapped twice before she made it her policy to never roam within twenty feet of the road allowance or anything that even remotely resembles an electrified wire, which, in her mind, apparently includes her shadow. And, Callie, our English springer spaniel, required just 18 confirmed encounters before she started to suspect that there was a direct correlation between touching the wire and jumping three feet straight up in the air. As a result, she too has decided to keep back from the fence and road, although every now and then Dixie convinces her to walk over just to see if the thing is still plugged in.

As you might have guessed, I have not learned nearly as fast as the dogs.

You see, the basic problem with our electric fencing system is that it requires us to keep our front gate closed so that a live wire can connect the new portion to the main fencing on the other side. So every time we leave the confines of what I now refer to as "the compound", someone needs to unplug the electric fence, disconnect the wires, and open the gate. This is what's known around here as "a man's job." Hey, my wife might be liberated but she's not stupid.

Needless to say, I have learned a few things from this simple scenario. The first is, never to trust anybody to unplug an electric fence for you. Invariably, they get distracted or perhaps even curious as to its effects on an unsuspecting victim. This especially applies to a disgruntled wife who, though she denies it, still harbours bitter resentment towards you because of a few mistruths you might have expressed in previous newspaper columns.

The other day, for example, Carol asked me to disconnect the wires and open the gate so she and my daughter could drive off and wreak havoc on the known expanses of the retail world. Despite my better judgment, I cooperated.

Of course, since she was standing right beside the outlet and I was ninety feet away at the gate, I assumed that she had unplugged the fence. Silly me.

I first realized the error of my ways as I was hurtling skyward towards a passing satellite.

"Look. Mom," my daughter gleefully acknowledged, "Daddy can jump even higher than Callie!"

Moments later, after I landed, I asked my wife what I considered a pertinent and logical question.

"Since you asked me to open the gate and disconnect the fence and you were standing right beside the outlet, why didn't you unplug it?" I queried.

"I thought you had," she replied.

Allow me, your honour, to reiterate that she asked me to undo the wires and open the gate from her vantage point immediately beside the outlet where the fence was plugged in. At no point, after that, did I traverse the ninety feet towards said outlet, brush past her, and unplug it. If I had, she would have noticed, since she was standing, as previously noted, about six inches away from it and never moved during the entire proceedings. Perhaps I was unreasonable in assuming that she'd crane her neck to check that it was unplugged as I risked life and limb by walking unsuspectingly towards the live wire on her behalf. I know better now.

I'll admit I was more than a bit perturbed, especially when, after she drove off, I looked back to see Dixie and Callie staring at me from the comfort of my new lawn chair.



pic of the past

Unknown man, unknown boy: the collective archives of the Highlands are full of mysteries. If you know anything at all about this photo, contact Martha Perkins at the Echo.

letters to the editor

First aid comment unacceptable

To the Editor:

In response to your article "Wilberforce fire call sets off communication alarm bells", April 11th.

This is just the tip of a large iceberg.

Fire Chief Middleton says "turning off the alarm is not the fire department's responsibility." Sadly, his statement does not surprise me one bit. Never mind that many of the Mapleview residents are seniors who were forced to wait outside in chilly weather for too long. Never mind that our local fire department is made up of volunteers who have a long-standing history of responding to all emergencies in our community. I hear the same arrogant attitude from Middleton in these comments, as I personally heard while recently trying to sort out why the medical 1st. response was not dispatched to help an 85-year neighbour who had fallen. Middleton's explanation was that when we call 911 and ask for ambulance, the first response/firefighters are only dispatched when "certain criteria" are met.

I was upset because prior to this, when we had

our local fire number, they always responded, regardless of the "criteria" that we as medically untrained, perhaps panicky callers are able to provide. So now, even though our round-the-corner volunteers are just as willing as ever, they are not always being dispatched. Middleton's comment? "You could take a first aid course."

Huh? He is being extremely well-paid to presumably be in a position of leadership to our fire departments, and his answer to my concern for the well-being of our citizens, is to suggest I take a first aid course? He seems to have no concept of how vital and appreciated the fire teams' role is to the members of our community. Especially given our distance and so, precious time away from other medical help in a time of need.

None of this makes any sense. Fellow Highlands East residents: The medical well-being, perhaps even the life at risk, could be you or someone you care about – does anyone else find this bizarre and unacceptable?

Janet Barker,
Wilberforce

What will happen to the equator sign on top of the Curry Motors building?

To the Editor:

As a long time cottager in the Haliburton area it is good to read about the new development in the town. After reading about the "mystery building" slated for the corner that Curry Motors has been on since I can remember, my thoughts go to not just Curry Motors but to the sign on the top of that building, showing that distances between the North Pole and the Equator.

What is to happen to it? It has been a landmark for many, many years and should remain so. Has anything been put in place to insure that the owners of the "mystery building" have to replace this sign once their building is finished?

It is always good to see the town of Haliburton move forward, but it is also important to keep in touch with some of its past.

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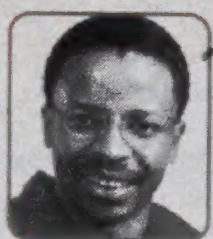
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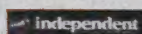
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Erin Lynch watches her son Seamus and friend at play. Photo, Casey Lessard.

Portraits of childcare

Reporter Lance Crossley talks to parents about childcare issues in Haliburton County

Erin Lynch is a little distracted while reflecting on the nature of her role as a child caregiver. Her four-year-old son, Seamus, is engaged in a boisterous sword fight with his best friend Freya. At the same time her dog, a kinetically-charged beagle-collie named Rose, has erupted with an ear-splitting bark at

a ghost in the woods behind her home.

"Guys, I think it's maybe time we calmed down a little bit," Lynch, a 32-year-old single mom, announces to the room.

Normally the house is filled with even more mayhem. Lynch has a network of about five other moms who engage in

what she calls "trading childcare."

Lynch takes care of the children one day, another mom assumes responsibility another day, and so on. It's a community of moms that helps to relieve the financial and bureaucratic burden that comes with daycare, and at the same time gives single women like Lynch a broad sup-

port system to lean on.

The arrangement requires constant tweaking of everyone's calendar because most of the moms have erratic schedules and some of the children are in kindergarten, which means they are in school every second day. Today Lynch has only

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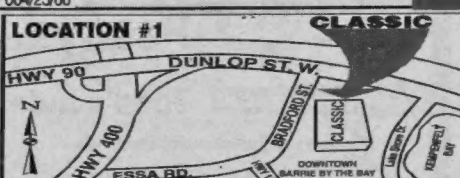
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her son Seamus, a shy boy with thoughtful big blue eyes, and Freya, an extroverted five-year-old girl who talks in a stream-of-consciousness manner.

Lynch rents a modest cottage home that has a post card view of Lake Kashagawigamog. She's a freelance writer and jewellery artist, which means money is scarce and usually takes an inordinate amount of effort to come by. To help cover monthly expenses, she rents out the only vacant room in her house. It's not unusual for Lynch to host up to four kids, most of whom are about the same age as her son, at least once every week. On the days she acts as caregiver, she puts her busy work schedule on hold and strives to give the children quality attention: playing games, cooking muffins, trying on costumes or, in the summer, splashing around in the kiddie pool.

Her bookshelf contains titles from the great American writer William Faulkner as well as thick travel guides to Mexico and India, two destinations where she has travelled extensively. Strewed next to the bookshelf is a smorgasbord of toddler paraphernalia: an Alvin and the Chipmunks lunch box, a library of puzzle sets, a stuffed Tyrannosaurus Rex, and several plastic toy cars. Lynch is continually bouncing between the adult and child worlds, both in her home and in her life.

"It would be very difficult for me without the other moms," says Lynch. "Most of the other moms are in similar situations. They are either self-employed, artists, or single moms, too. So they don't have a lot of money but they have flexible schedules."

Childcare trading doesn't necessarily have to involve a child-for-child swap. One mother

'I didn't think daycare would work for me,' says Lynch. 'Just being self-employed and all the hoops you would have to jump through'



occasionally takes in Seamus in exchange for free jewellery-making lessons for her daughters. For Lynch, these kinds of arrangements let her avoid the considerable costs of daycare. While there are subsidies available for less well-off moms, Lynch says it is a bureaucratic nightmare trying to qualify.

"I didn't think daycare would work for me," says Lynch. "Just being self-employed and all the hoops you would have to jump

through. You have to constantly justify why you need the subsidies, so it's in some ways easier to do it this way."

Daniela Pagliaro is a single parent who also abandoned the idea of daycare in favour of a circle of moms. The 37-year-old single parent works part time as programming manager at the Rails End Art Gallery and is also a freelance dance artist. At one time or another, she's had her eight-year-old daughter, Nadia,

in daycares in British Columbia and Toronto. But since arriving in Haliburton last year, she decided to re-think childcare and has now created her own network of moms. In Pagliaro's case, her network consists of stay-at-home moms who expect nothing in return.

"They don't need the trading," she says. "My need is different from theirs. They just help me out because they want to be helpful."

Two different families take in Nadia twice a week after school, which allows Pagliaro to complete her day's work at the gallery. It only amounts to four hours a week, but the time is precious to Pagliaro because it makes her life function and flow the way she needs it to.

"If I didn't have those two families to help me during the week, then [Nadia] would be hanging out at work with me, which she's had to do before," says Pagliaro. "I found that the hoops I had to jump through to get subsidized daycare for four hours a week, and the sort of residual collateral stress related to that, and the work that I had to do to account for every tiny thing, far exceeded the energy and time I'd have to put in to just organizing it myself."

Pagliaro hooks up with Lynch and her network of moms during the summer months when everybody's child is in the same boat. Both women feel there is a measure of comfort and security that comes with partnering with like-minded moms.

"It's great when you can get a community of moms who share similar parenting values," says Lynch. "It makes you feel really good that you know your child is with someone else who is not just plopping them in front of the TV. They're having a rich environment."

Lisa Hamilton, a family worker with Haliburton County Family Services, says that such arrangements are necessary, particularly in a county where irregular work schedules are not uncommon.

"It's definitely something that happens a lot," says Hamilton, who regularly visits homes to advise parents on childcare. "This is a tourism town so people are needed at really weird times of the day. I used to work

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The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, MPAC, has received an overall increase of appeals this year as more and more homeowners challenge the value of their property.

In Dysart et al, the requests for reconsideration, an informal appeal to MPAC itself, have risen from 269 in 2004 to 335 this year.

Highlands East, however, has so far seen a decrease in appeals. In 2004, the last adjustment year, there were 180 appeals for requests for reconsideration. To date this year, there have been 148.

Both figures for request for reconsideration were as of March 12, which means there may have been more since. Even without additional appeals, the combined total for the two municipalities represents an overall increase in the number of people who are unhappy with their assessment.

MPAC prides itself on the increasing accuracy of assessed values. Asked why there would be more appeals even though the assessment system is supposed to be more accurate, MPAC Municipal Relations Representative Evan Brown says, "Given how active the market has been, it is difficult to predict that you'll see a downward trend [of appeals]. I think there are other factors coming into play. Even though the numbers might be slightly up over the 2004 figures, when

you think about how active the market has been, it is not surprising."

Brown says that the increased media coverage of MPAC in the last few years has also served to increase the number of appeals. People, he says, are more familiar with the appeal process and are more comfortable with MPAC. They understand the system better. He also believes that people have a greater problem with the percentage increase and not the actual accuracy of the assessment.

But the fluctuating market is also an important factor. As Rick Lowes, a salesperson with Remax, suggests, the market is more unpredictable now and that has made assessing property value in the market more difficult.

"There was a time, I guess two or three years ago, when the prices were going up on a fairly level basis, like two and a half, five, seven per cent a year. And then, all of a sudden it exploded and got real busy, 15 to 20 per cent, and now it's really fluctuating almost on a monthly basis. It was really slow in January and kind of exploded last month."

For Lowes, MPAC's job has never been easy, given the nature of property in Haliburton County.

"It is so hard up here. There are no two properties alike," he says. "Somebody hears about their neighbour's place being assessed at such and such a value and their property was assessed much higher and they don't think it's fair. In all honesty, when they walk through the door

and ask us, we say appeal it because what have you got to lose."

MPAC doesn't know yet how many assessments have been readjusted because of the requests for reconsideration. In Dysart et al, 90 per cent of the appeals have been reviewed while in Highlands East, 95 per cent have been completed.

"There certainly would be some assessments that have changed as a result of requests for reconsideration, that's part of the process," says Brown. "As people are calling us and they are bringing issues to

our attention, we are able to respond to that and that has resulted in some reductions being made and assessments being changed.

"Our goal this year was to try and get as many completed as possible before March 31, which is the appeal deadline," he adds.

The deadline, Brown notes, is not for the requests for reconsideration. Those informal appeals can be made at any time throughout the tax year. Formal appeals, however, must be filed with the Attorney General's office before March 31.

If her week were translated onto a graph, it would look like the electrocardiogram of someone who just got off a treadmill

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at Wee Care (Day Nursery) and we tried to organize times around mothers, but it comes down to money. How much can families afford and how much can daycares afford to run?"

There is a certain decibel level of stress that accompanies Lynch in her hectic life: whether it be heading out for an interview, conducting a jewellery class workshop, coordinating schedules with the other moms, planning activities for the children, or trying to fit in desperately needed time alone to relieve stress. If her week were translated onto a graph, it would look like the electrocardiogram of someone who just got off a treadmill. Lynch says it is this "juggling" that is the most taxing part of the way she administers childcare.

"The juggling can be frustrating but somehow I'm making it work," says Lynch. "I think doing childcare well is a

huge job. It's really undervalued — just look at what daycare workers are paid. I mean, anyone can just put their kids in front of the TV and play babysitter, but to plan activities and not just throw things into the microwave — that's much more difficult."

In the eye of the storm that is Lynch's life, there is a calm oasis where kids such as Seamus and Freya, who are now quietly shaping some pink playdough into a palm tree at her kitchen table, are able to flourish.

By establishing a circle of moms, Lynch has managed to carve out a way of childcare that suits her own needs as well as her son's. It's a remarkably functional form of childcare that doesn't have to rely on a government's policy whims or on the presence of a devoted husband. It's the post-modern manifestation of the dictum, "It takes a village to raise a child." Or in Seamus' case, just a few good moms.

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Council has worked diligently on behalf of all taxpayers to ensure that tax dollars are spent wisely and felt that a full review of all buildings was necessary to assist them in determining how best to proceed.

Considerable time was spent itemizing the number of municipal buildings, the condition of each building, the use of each building and an evaluation of current and future needs of the municipality was undertaken.

The final result of council's efforts was a five year action plan for municipal buildings. This report is available for the public to review and comment. **Comments are to be submitted to Sharon Stoughton-Craig at the address shown below no later than May 16, 2006 at 3:30 p.m.**

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HHSS jumps into spring sports in a big way



Tuesday saw HHSS host the senior Kawartha badminton championships.

Above: Deni Knezevic prepares to serve during men's doubles play at the senior Kawartha badminton championships hosted by HHSS Tuesday.

Right: Mary Spielbergs and her partner Devin Hunter competed in mixed doubles.

At left: Gearing up for track, Scott Fennell bounds during an HHSS track and field team practice.

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The thrilling final game of the Haliburton Haven Hockey Highlands Cup Challenge between the Toronto Gong Show and a team from Bancroft came down to two on two in an odd overtime format in which Bancroft eventually won with this goal, scored on a breakaway by Denis Sicard. Photos by Bryn Weese.

Bancroft hockey team victorious

Local tournament brings thousands of tourists and dollars to Haliburton County

BRYN WEESE

Staff Reporter

In every corner of the county, strangers stinking of sweat were filing into restaurants, motels, bars and arenas for what was, by all accounts, one of the largest hockey tournaments this county has ever seen.

Over the four days of Easter Weekend, playing in Minden, Haliburton and Lindsay, 58 teams participated in the tournament. While most were from Ontario, one team, oddly called the Maple Leafs, came from as far away as Switzerland to play in the 28th annual Haliburton Hockey Haven Highlands Cup Challenge.

Of the five tournaments organized each year by

Hockey Haven, the Cup Challenge is the big one, says organizer Pat Russell. Assuming each team has 15 players, it draws nearly 1,000 players to the county, never mind the family and friends in tow.

"Fifteen years ago, we figured the tournament brought \$250,000 to the county," says Russell. "We would like to see what that figure would be this year."

Although every Cup Challenge is a huge draw to the county, Russell says this year's tournament was one of the biggest ever, with a high level of talent and competition.

The final game in the Open Ice Division (one of three divisions in addition to ladies and recreational), played between teams from Bancroft and Toronto, was thrilling. Down 2-0 in the final two minutes, Bancroft pulled their goalie and scored twice to take the game into overtime.

And in an odd sudden-death overtime format – two minutes at five on five, then two minutes at four on four, and so on until someone scores – the teams battled it out until it was two players plus a goalie against two players plus a goalie.

With all the open ice, it wasn't long until Denis Sicard, wearing number 77 for Bancroft, broke through the two Toronto defenders and scored on a breakaway goal.

"That was one of the best games we've seen," said Russell about the final game that saw \$2,000 go to the Bancroft team for winning. "It was excellent."

Next year's tournament is already being planned, says Russell who looks forward to it.

But hockey isn't all the Hockey Haven is about. On Canada Day Weekend this year, Russell and his team are organizing a slo-pitch tournament for charity in Cobocok. The Batting for Kids tournament, which will raise funds for children suffering from cancer, will be the first of its kind in several years. Russell hopes it too will be a big success.

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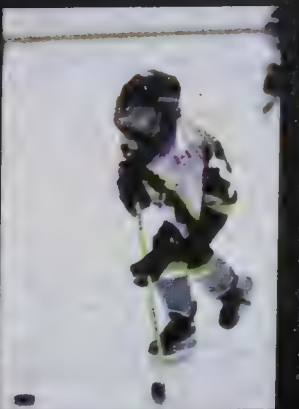
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#11 Owen Flood



#18 Curtis Ballantyne



#12 William Stephenson



Jack Bush is more accustomed to being the man behind the camera lens. He takes his camera with him wherever he goes and then posts his photos on his blog. (That's a web log for those who have missed out on this latest Internet trend.) Photo, Martha Perkins.

Jack Bush and the blog

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

What do you do when the satisfaction you feel after creating something just isn't enough? When you're not content with basking in an inner glow?

Dancers put on a performance on stage. Painters exhibit their art in a gallery. And Jack Bush posts his photographs on his blog.

Blogs, or web logs, are not just the domain of political pundits on a rant or teenaged girls who want to share their angst about social life with anyone who chances upon their very public diaries. Out there, amidst the hundreds of thousands of blogs that are posted every day, is one that's devoted to the world that

Bush sees through the lens of his camera.

Nearly every day he'll sit down at his computer at his home on County Road 1 and, with a few keystrokes, add another photo to his online collection.

"My son Andy was the first relative of mine to have a blog," Bush says of what sparked the idea for <http://jackphotographs.blogspot.com>. "He loves the world of entertainment and he just fires off opinions right, left and centre and has a grand old time."

Is there a bit of ego involved in the need to have other people admire his work? Of course. Bush had taken some pictures that he was really proud of and wanted a way to display them. There

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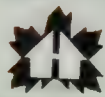


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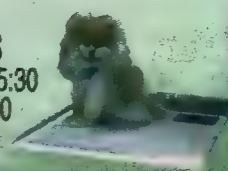
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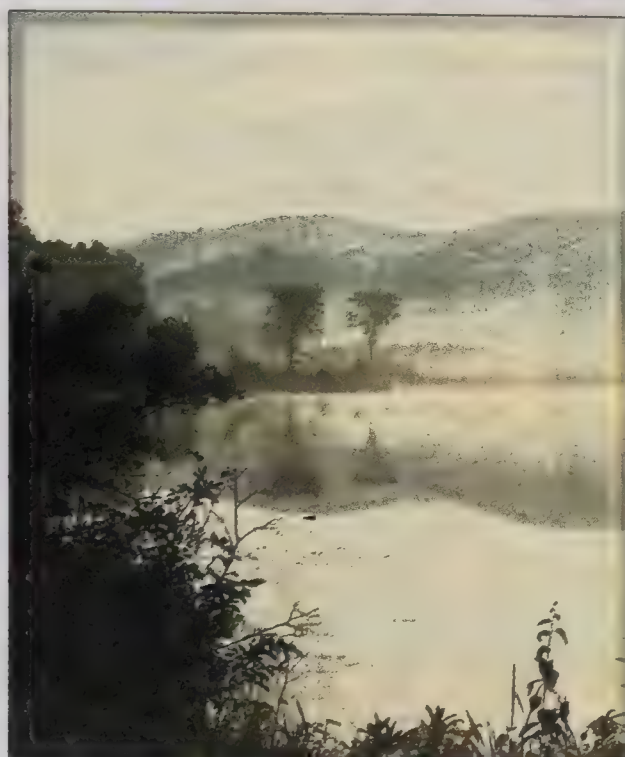
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The trio of pictures, above, are details from photographs that Jack Bush has taken and posted on his web blog.

A painting is only what the artist wants to convey; reality doesn't matter

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wasn't room left on the walls of his home, and he felt awkward asking visitors if they wanted to see his slide shows. Don't all artists want to display their work in a public gallery? What could be more public than the Internet?

Technology has never intimidated him. "Years and years ago, and I do mean years ago" – when he was working as an advertising copywriter in Toronto – "I was the first creative person at my agency to ask for an electric typewriter. I saw what the girls in the typing pool were using and I wanted one. I also got a computer fairly early on. Then you read about this thing called the Internet and think, if other people are going online and finding these things, why aren't I?"

The leap from being interested in technology and posting his photos on the Internet became possible after Joe Smith, a retired professional photographer who has a bed and breakfast near West Guilford, gave Bush a copy of a computer program called Photoshop Elements. "That's when it really took off," he says. "I wish I had it all those years ago."

It was like having his own private darkroom, something he had always wanted. "Photoshop Elements lets me get the image I want out of the original picture. I look at dark photos now and say, 'I can do something with that.' Or I can make a horizontal photo into a vertical and say, 'Oh, that's kind of nice, I'll go with that.'"

"The shot that I see through the camera is no longer what I expect to end up with."

Among photographers there's a great debate about the ethics of manipulating photographs, especially now that digital photography makes it so much easier. Photojournalists do not condone it at all. Others argue that technical proficiency can mask a lack of creativity.

Bush will have none of it.

As some readers might already be wondering, the Jack Bush who lives with his wife Elaine Bell near Donald is the son of the late Jack Bush, one of Canada's avant garde members of Painters 11. Bush senior's paintings were recently part of a modern art exhibit at the Ontario Art Gallery but what his son likes more are the landscapes his father painted at the beginning of his career.

Looking at his father's painting of a cabin hanging on the wall, Jack Bush junior asks whether the scene in the painting is exactly the same as the scene his father saw. Of course not. Maybe there was a stump or a tree branch in an awkward spot. Maybe there weren't that many trees in the background. No bother. A painting is only what the artist wants to convey; reality doesn't matter. The same argument goes with photography.

"I don't like the word 'manipulate' because it's pejorative. What I see through my lens is the raw material, an idea, just the beginning. I'll work with it, enhance it, lighten or darken it, adjust colours, soften this and sharpen that. The end may be close to the original or it may be far from it. I don't think of what I make as 'photo-

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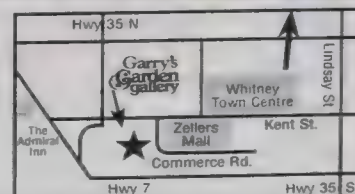


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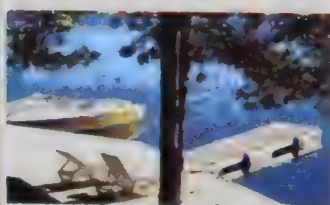
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Jack Bush took this photo of ruins near Donald.

'It's always about feelings. How does it make you feel?'

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tographs'; they're pictures."

Last summer Bush and Bell toured England where they came across the perfect thatched house with a profusely colourful garden. "It was idyllic but there was a bright blue car behind the hedge." Bush removed the car with Photoshop Elements. "It looks no different than if I waited for the guy to go off to work and then took the photo."

With other photos he's doing what the eye can do but the camera can't - ignore irritating visual interruptions such as hydro lines. His father removed unsightly tree branches with his paintbrush; the son removes unsightly hydro wires with his computer mouse.

"I just make pictures I like and hope other people will like them, too," he says. "My real goal is to do what my dad did and it's to make things like his landscapes. It's always about feelings. How does it make you feel. Just look at it. Don't worry about what's in it."

There's a certain Japanese sensibility about many of Bush's photos, a stripping away of extraneous details to focus in on the harmony of nature. A freesia on the window sill on a winter's day becomes a minimalist statement on line and colour, grace and form. Context is taken away - you don't see the window, you don't see the ground outside. All you are left with is the statement that Bush wants to make on the beauty that is around us.

Although he doesn't get to see the reaction of the people who tour his site, Bush does know they're there, thanks to a counter that keeps track of visitors. While he'd always like more people to see the world as he does, quite literally, there's just the kick he gets from

knowing he has an audience that makes it that much more fun to spend the extra time on the computer.

"I say to Elaine several times a day, 'I'm making art here,'" Bush says. Then he smiles mischievously. "She says, 'What about making dinner?'"

If people want to create their own blog, Jack Bush suggests they visit blogger.com, the biggest blog host. It's free and lives up to its hype of being as easy as one, two, three. For text or photos just choose from one of a number of formats, upload your photos and add any text you'd like. Then, one more mouse click and you're a published blogger.

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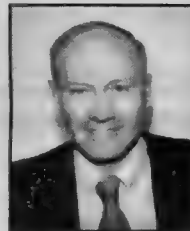
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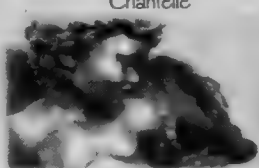
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Keeping Haliburton green

Initiative to prioritize wetlands and woodlands

JENNIFER WILSON

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County certainly doesn't lack in green space, a fact that a new project hopes to preserve.

The Natural Heritage Inventory is the first big initiative of the new Haliburton Highlands Land Trust. The project plans to study the many wetlands and woodlands of Haliburton County and to prioritize those needing protection.

Brent Wootton has been leading the project for the Land Trust. He says that, during the project's first phase, which finished in March, students from Trent University under the U-Links program sorted through recommendations from naturalists and government concerning areas needing preservation.

The National Heritage Provincial Policy provides information about the area's environmental goals, objectives and values, and was a main resource.

"There are a series of objectives in there which we take our cue from. It's certainly a place we'll be building from."

The second stage of the project is to narrow down recommendations and focus on finding what specific wetlands, woodlands and animal habitats need protection the most.

Wootton says the project's main goal is simply the classification of areas. He says that when a classified area becomes at risk — with, for example, proposed commercial

development in a wetland — the Land Trust will be notified and recommendations made.

"Part of the project is to be able to assess potential properties so that when something which poses a risk comes up, we can deal with it. Really, we are just going to benchmark the land, and recommendations for how to deal with issues will come later."

"Once we get more info, priorities will start to appear."

Although it will always be an 'open file', Wootton says that with proper funding a foundation can be laid in six months to a year's time. This will include an intensive list of specific areas in the county which may require preservation or a land trust in the

future.

If a land trust is granted, its purpose is to preserve the land's current ecological state. Often, easements are applied which force restrictions on how an area can be used. This can range from protecting plant and animal life, to restricting development.

However, as real estate development grows and cottagers continue the trend of buying land in the area, Wootton says it's becoming increasingly important to preserve the natural habitat that has come to define Haliburton County.

"There will be a lot of pressure on the region to develop in various ways. We need to know what's here and what's at risk and we need to prioritize that."

"We need to know what's here and what's at risk and we need to prioritize it"
BRENT WOOTTON



Brent Wootton is spearheading the Natural Heritage Inventory for the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust. Photo by Casey Lessard.

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Harcourt's big spring bingo is a welcome coming of the season

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This past week showed that spring is in the air with buds breaking out on the trees and the sweet sounds of birds singing. Further, as I breathed in the fresh spring air I could smell the scent of summer on the way. Can anything be lovelier than April days filled with the magic of the outside world becoming fresh and new again?

Another sign of spring is Harcourt's Big Spring

Bingo. So get your bingo daubers ready for next Saturday evening April 22nd. Debbie and her great crew of bingo helpers will be on hand to open the doors at 5:30 p.m. The first number will be called at 7:00 p.m. Be there and you just might win one of two \$500 jackpot prizes. And there are many more prizes.

Many family and friends were in attendance at the Harcourt Community Centre Saturday evening to help Lyle Coghlan celebrate his big 40th birthday. Tom Sr. was home to be with his family and enjoyed all the special attention he received. As always, when the Coghlan clan gets together, it was great fun and this birthday bash was certainly no exception.

The WGS (Wilberforce and Greater Surroundings) first-

ever event, the Sugar Shack Shuffle, was an unpredicted success. Mary Barker was just overwhelmed by the response. Twenty-two teams, a total of 75 people, tramped through the sugar bushes as they took part in the WGS high tech treasure hunt. Clues led the participants, from Grandparents to young children, to 6 different local sugar bushes in the area.

We need to thank Mary for the excellent descriptions of the caches as they gave more than clues to some great places. They lend so much to the history of the area and pay tribute to the hardworking individuals who carry on the fine family tradition of making maple syrup.

Cache #1 was at Gary Lee's Sugar Bush, tapped by generations of the Lee family including George, Garnet and Gary Lee. Many of the trees on the 900-acre farm are over 200 years old. Gary has a pipeline to 240 maple trees. An additional 100 he gathers by hand. Three hundred and forty taps are drilled by hand using a hole boring tool called a brace and bit and participants got the opportunity to use a brace and bit to earn an extra 25 points.

Cache #2 was at Lee Clarke and Georgie's Sugar Bush.

See **Geocaches** page 22



Jason Gray (above) of Cardiff was one of the many people who searched for hidden treasure with a GPS in the Sugar Shack Shuffle, the first geocache event of the Wilberforce and Greater Surroundings (WGS). Photo, Bryn Weese.

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Geocaches manned by interesting and friendly sappers

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Lee Clarke is a retired teacher schooled in the art of making maple syrup by his old friend George "Geordie" Earle. Although Geordie passed away a few years ago Lee continues to tap Geordie's maple bush. After collecting all 120 taps by hand Lee dumps the sap into barrels on the tractor for the 2 km ride back to his place where it is boiled down in the driving shed, using Geordie's old stove. The high quality light golden syrup that Geordie was so well known for is what Lee strives to achieve. Finding this cache was a sweet treat: they gave out maple candy to each participant.

Cache #3 was located at Mark Riley's Sugar Bush, noted for Riley's Northern Gold Maple Syrup. Northern Gold is the largest commercial maple syrup producer in Highlands East. All 3,086 of Mark's taps are collected by pipeline comprising over 12 miles of blue line. A reverse osmosis machine removes two-thirds of the water from the sap before it is transferred to the evaporator pans where wood fired heat steams away the remaining water. Propane burners complete the third and

final step of making the syrup into the perfect density.

Cache #4 was at Lloyd Barnes (Barney's) Sugar Bush located on the corner of the 500-acre Barnes farm. Taught by his father George Barnes, Lloyd passed the knowledge on to his family before his passing a few years ago. Nephew Eric Barnes is chief of this year's operation. The hills which make gathering by hand a chore lend themselves nicely to gravity-fed pipeline, so a combination of hand gathering and pipeline is used. Participants had to beware at this location because Daisy the skunk lives under the Sugar Shack. Fortunately, Daisy was not at home on Saturday: one participant, in search of the hidden cache, stuck his head into the hole Daisy uses as entrance to her home.

Cache #5 was located at coordinates: N45 degrees 02.899 W078 degrees 13.863; that is, Ron and Bruce Gibb's Sugar Bush. Although no stranger to the bush, Ron is new to making maple syrup so he enlisted the help of his father, Bruce. Dad had to do some searching through his memory library because he hasn't made maple syrup since he was a youngster. That was in Minden, while his older brothers went off to war. For extra points everyone was asked to guess Bruce's age. It was a surprise to some to learn that spry Bruce is 90.

Cache #6 was at Ken Noble's Sugar Bush. Ken has spent almost every spring since he was 8 years old in this sugar

bush. During the sap season it is not uncommon for Ken to arrive there at 4:00 a.m. with the coffee on shortly after. Early morning drivers passing by give a little honk to say good day. All 144 taps are gathered by hand and each 16-hour day produces 2 to 2 1/2 gallons of beautiful amber syrup. Ken had an interesting toad story to tell everyone and for this participants earned extra points. If you see Ken ask him about his family's candied toad recipe.

And if you are near Ken's sugar shack look for the hand-painted circular saw blade sign that proclaims you are at the Southern Amber Sugar Bush. Of course, no pun is intended here, Ken says: it's pure coincidence that his sugar bush is south of Riley's Northern Gold. But he is quick to point out that amber is just a touch lighter than gold.

Closer inspection of saw blade's condition reveals an interesting history. It was used last as a firebox door under the sap pan and so is warped from the heat; the notch on the top was cut out to create a draft. The post that holds the sign is an inverted tree trunk that Ken recognized would be just perfect for the job.

The final result was a tie between the Donna Burroughs family team and the Jake, Andrew and Leanne Currier family team. A roll of the dice gave the Currier Family of Peterborough the sweet taste of victory and they were presented with a

gallon of Northern Gold from Mark Riley's Sugar Bush.

Kudos to Mary Barker, Tammy Donaldson, Natalie Goblet, Mark Smith, Jodi Rupnow of the AGBA (Algonquin Gateway Business Association) for organizing this fun event. Thanks to Mark Riley for donating such a sweet prize. For more information on geocaching and on more upcoming geocaching events check out their web site at: www.geocaching-capital.com

April 19, 2006 Bingo Wednesday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. Harcourt Community Center. For more information call Debbie Shatraw at 448-3155.

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Wilberforce maple syrup festival dripping with sugary golden success

Geocaching event a big hit with techies and road travellers

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Hilda Clark

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Maple Fest was fun and successful. The recreation committee did a great job organizing it. Thanks to all the hard-working volunteers who helped so much. Lots of hungry folk enjoyed the maple syrup covered pancakes and sausage. They came for breakfast and lunch. The Easter Bunny was spotted treating folks to chocolate eggs. Kids had a good time up on the stage colouring Easter pictures and doing crafts. Crafts vendors all seemed happy with the event. Even a good display of maple syrup-making items and a video of the process and history played in the lounge. Thanks to Kathy Rogers, Nataly Goulet and Joyce Bowman for leading the efforts of the day.

Geocaching, a new and exciting event was a big part of the day. People registered at the Memorial Centre and then head-

ed out to find treasures at six maple sugar shacks and operations in the area. They used instructions given and their GPS, an electronic device that can determine one's location within 6 to 20 ft. using coordinates given in longitude and latitude. At each cache participants heard about maple syrup making from hosts who kindly told of their operations even though "the run" of sap was over. And the "hunters" chose one item from each of the treasure caches. These were collected and presented at the end of the day in the Elephant Lake Lodge dining room. Close to thirty groups took part. The group with treasures worth the most total points won the "hunt" and received a jug of fine local maple syrup. Thanks to Mary Barker and others from the Algonquin Gateway Business Association who organized, planned and carried out this event. A fun time was reported.

Winners of the United Church bunny rabbits were Sharon Taviss, Gerald Shackleton and Ron Marl. The tea set went to Ted Ramsey.

The Wilberforce and Area

Community Police Association report that Bernie Crevier won the coffee maker.

For those with a hankering to record their family stories, they should "take a chapter" from or at least read the book by Ray Y. C. Miller. Ray spoke to the Haliburton

Highlands Genealogy Group on Wed., April 12 at the Minden Cultural centre about his book *From Coal Oil Lights to Satellites: Memoirs of a Haliburton Redneck*. He talked to the group in the same way he writes in the book—from the heart. He wrote about what he knew and remembered with diaries to spark his memories.

This autobiography starts at the Miller homestead which was located about four miles south of Minden on the Kinmount Road where Ray was born in 1937. Ray Miller's story weaves and winds like old Haliburton roads, dealing with all the highs and lows, the ups and downs that life in a fast changing world can present.

He shares his memories, his knowledge of people, work, places, cars, and much more about the changes that have occurred since his childhood.



Kim Barrett, aka the Easter Bunny, dutifully handed out chocolate Easter eggs as hordes of hungry people piled into the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce for a stack of pancakes at the Wilberforce Maple Syrup Festival this past Saturday. Since the pancake line was long, Barrett's chocolate served as a welcome appetizer. Photo by Bryn Weese.

Ray was born when coal oil lights still burned in most Minden (and Wilberforce) area homes. (And we did call it coal oil – not kerosene – around here.) Using the latest technology Ray wrote and had his book published, with satellites certainly helping things along. Not bad for a redneck. For a copy try a bookstore, or try

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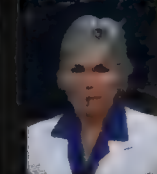
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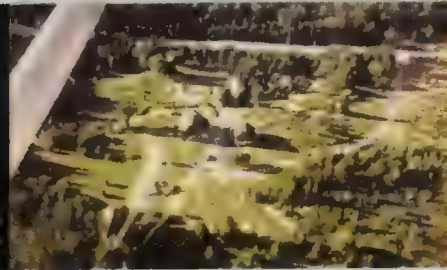
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Karen Savoca puts her heart into a song the way a great actor throws herself into a role. Her supple, soulful alto charms with an almost infinite range of expression. She can even sing several notes at once, her own brand of throat singing she calls vocal hydroplaning. Savoca is also a gifted songwriter, drawing you into her world with humour and

compassion, telling her stories with such grace and ease that you feel you've been invited to her table for supper. Though she composes and records on a variety of instruments, Savoca prefers the primal combination of voice and drum in live performance, and her groove is wide and satisfying.

Pete Heitzman can make his guitar sound like a cello, a pedal steel, a rutting elk, and some things only imagined. With a broad palette of tones and textures, he paints the ideal landscapes for Savoca's songs. An innovative and sensitive accompanist, Heitzman is so full of surprises that he has been called "a human aurora borealis."

Karen and Pete first met on a stage and each immediately recognized the other

as the perfect musical partner. Years of leading their all-original, dance-driven group somehow imbued this duo with the power to sound like a full band, whether it's explosive funk or orchestral ballad. Electrifying, unique, and always uplifting, these improvisational performers possess "the fearlessness of a high wire act working without a net."

An 1890's church in the hills of upstate New York serves as home, recording studio and headquarters for their indie label, Alcove Records.

Savoca's sixth solo release, *In The Dirt* (2006), was captured in a two day session with Heitzman and longtime collaborator, T-Bone Wolk (Shawn Colvin, Elvis Costello, Hall & Oates).

Notable appearances include *The Today Show*, *A Prairie Home Companion*, *Mountain Stage*, *Big Top Chautauqua*, *The Vancouver*, *Edmonton*

& *Winnipeg Folk Festivals*, and *West Coast Live*. They've frequently toured as support and accompanists for Greg Brown. Their music has been heard in movies and documentaries, and they have scored two full-length feature films.

Tickets for the Saturday April 22 show are \$20 (\$18 HCFS Members, \$15 Students) and are available in Haliburton at the York Street Internet Cafe (across from the Rails End Gallery) 705-457-8880 and in Minden at Golden's Stationers, 108 Main St (Bobcaygeon Road) 705-286-2110.

Other upcoming HCFS concerts include David Francey w/ Shane Simpson on May 31st. For more information call 705-754-FOLK (3655) or e-mail at hcfssociety@gmail.com.

For information about Karen Savoca visit <http://www.karensavoca.com>.



Municipality of Dysart et al

NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 291, of the Municipal Act, 2001

Notice is hereby provided that at a special meeting of Council to be held on Monday, May 1st, 2006 at 2:00 p.m., Council intends to adopt the 2006 Municipal Budget. The meeting will be held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton and is open to the public.

Tammy McKelvey, A.M.C.T.,
CAO/Clerk



Municipality of Dysart et al

TENDERS FOR PURCHASE AND REMOVAL OF ORANGE CABOOSE AT HEAD LAKE PARKING LOT

Tenders will be accepted at the Municipal Office until noon, Friday, April 28, 2006.

The purchase of the building is from its present location, in its current condition. The removal of the Caboose must be completed by Thursday, June 15, 2006.

Specifications are available at the Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton.

Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Submit tender marked "Caboose Purchase" to:
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Telephone: (705) 457-1740
Fax: (705) 457-1964
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MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

THE CORPORATION OF THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF DYSART, DUDLEY, HARCOURT, GUILFORD, HARBURN, BRUTON, HAVELOCK, EYRE AND CLYDE

TAKE NOTICE that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on 10 May 2006, at the Township Office, P.O. Box 389, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day at the Township Office, Haliburton.

Description of Lands

Roll No. 46 24 020 000 06500, Block A, Registered Plan 578, geographic Township of Dudley, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, County of Haliburton (No. 19) subject to a Right of Way in favour of all those entitled thereto. File No. 04-28
Minimum Tender Amount \$ 16,412.37

Roll No. 46 24 020 000 07300, Part Lot 9, Concession 1, geographic Township of Dudley, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, County of Haliburton (No. 19) being the Eleventhly described Lands in Instrument No. 71541. File No. 04-29
Minimum Tender Amount \$ 5,191.95

Roll No. 46 24 041 000 15820, Part Lot 4, Concession 6, geographic Township of Guilford, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, County of Haliburton (No. 19) designated as Part 2 on Reference Plan 19R3670. File No. 04-35
Minimum Tender Amount \$ 4,626.41

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of a money order or of a bank draft or cheque certified by a bank or trust corporation payable to the municipality and representing at least 20 per cent of the tender amount.

The municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the land to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers.

This sale is governed by the *Municipal Act, 2001* and the *Municipal Tax Sales Rules* made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes, relevant land transfer tax and GST if applicable.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender contact:

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MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST

TAKE NOTICE that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on 4 May 2006, at the Municipal Office, County Road 648, Box 295, Wilberforce, Ontario K0L 3C0.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day at the Municipal Office, County Road 648, Wilberforce.

Description of Lands

Roll No. 46 01 901 000 07800 0000, Part Lot 2 Concession 1, geographic Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton (No. 19) designated as Parcel 36 on C. Riley, O.L.S. Plan October 20, 1969 as described in Instrument No. 48364. File No. 04-01
Minimum Tender Amount \$ 3377.80

Roll No. 46 01 902 000 37100 0000, The C.N.R. Right-Of-Way, as shown in green on plan attached to Instrument No. 22702, passing through Lot 35 Concession 6, geographic Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton (No. 19) save and except the easterly 1,050 feet previously conveyed and save and except the mineral reservations as referred to in Instrument No. 22702, as described in Instrument No. 31008. File No. 04-04
Minimum Tender Amount \$ 2550.53

Roll No. 46 01 902 000 05050 0000, Part Lot 12 Concession 6, geographic Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton (No. 19) designated Part 2 on Plan 19R-3099. File No. 04-06
Minimum Tender Amount \$ 3323.54

Roll No. 46 01 901 000 66801 0000, Part Lot 25 Concession 5, geographic Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton (No. 19) designated Part 1 on Plan 19R-5916. File No. 04-07
Minimum Tender Amount \$ 2731.18

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of a money order or of a bank draft or cheque certified by a bank or trust corporation payable to the municipality and representing at least 20 per cent of the tender amount.

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Deputy Treasurer/Tax Collector
The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East
County Road 648
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Legion elections coming soon...

community news

legion br. 129

Gerald Irish
457-3255

Thank you Haliburton Echo. You have given a voice to the Haliburton Legion through the articles "Branch 129 News". At our general meeting on April 13, I was pleased to hear that many of our members read this article on a regular basis and actually look for it in each edition of the Echo.

Elections at your Legion are coming up. At the general meeting on May 11, make sure you have your current membership card with you or you will not be given a ballot book for voting. Remember that any elected executive member must have the time to devote to his or her duties and be prepared to spend long hours working for the branch. So when I see you at the election meeting I hope you will weigh your decisions carefully. This is not a popularity contest. You and you alone will decide the people who can and will work for you and your Legion.

At the general meeting just past we received some distressing news, which really wasn't news to many of us. Your Legion is and has been on a downward financial spiral for many years. The causes are many but the most predominant one is your lack of attendance at your

branch. In previous articles I have reminded you of what the Legion means to you and your community, if not the whole county. Are we approaching the time when we, like many Legions in Canada, are going to be forced to close our doors? Your branch has so much going for it, and so much to offer you and all of our citizens. Your current executive members have worked long and hard just to keep things afloat. In order to assist us we are in the process of forming a financial advisory committee made up of successful business people and others who have experience in dealing with financial crises. They can advise us as on courses of action we might take but it is up to us, the members, to incorporate the ideas we deem workable. It is now time to stop expecting your executive to solve all of the problems. Your involvement is crucial. You can help solve the downward financial spiral. Please help.

As PRO for Zone F4 I have just sent out our Spring Newsletter. I am glad to see that some of you have taken some of the extra copies from the clubroom.

I have learned from meetings and experience that it is very easy to sit back and criticize others who are trying their best. Constructive criticism is always welcomed. None of us is perfect nor does any one person know it all. Instead of just criticizing to hear the sound of your own sweet voice, offer to help. Offer some alternatives. Your assistance and suggestions will be much appreciated and your own voice will sound much sweeter to you and to all who listen.

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CURRENT EVENTS

- **Now until May 9:** "You Can't See Me" – Kirsten Johnson exhibiting at the Rails End Gallery. The work in this exhibit was developed in response to a friend who had lost her sight. It is a 'touchy-feely' show where the viewers can actually touch some of the artwork. Opening reception and artist talk will be April 15th from 1-3 p.m.
- **Apr. 18:** Computer Basics – If your computer is frustrating you rather than making your productive, it's time to get down to the basics. Trudy Pogue, creator of fyihaliburton.com <<http://www.fyihaliburton.com/>>, is presenting an information session on Apr. 18, 1-3 p.m. at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. For more information or to register, please contact Reg Holloway at 286-3923 or regandannaholloway@sympatico.ca.
- **Apr. 18:** Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group monthly meeting, held the 3rd Tues. of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge, Highland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. For info. call Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.
- **Apr. 19:** Community Care is offering a workshop on information about HIV, myths and stigma that surround it, how it's transmitted, prevention methods and a synopsis of the global epidemic of HIV/AIDS. The facilitator for this workshop is Charles from PARN – Your Community Aids Resource Network.
- **Apr. 19:** Charles from PARN will be at the Community Car Drop-In Centre to talk about aids as a huge global issue and Universal Precautions. Community Care Volunteers and Volunteers from other agencies are encouraged to attend. This workshop goes from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. and there is no charge. Call 457-2941 to register or for more information.
- **Apr. 20:** Haliburton, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. – Food Handler Course, Health Unit office (191 Highland St., Unit 301). Course teaches participants on proper ways to handle and prepare food safely. Call (705) 457-1391 for cost and info.
- **Apr. 20:** Ontario Early Years Haliburton – Well Baby Drop-in. Do you have a baby? Come to the Haliburton OEYC on April 20 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and meet with a Public Health Nurse from our local HKPR District Health Unit. Meet with the nurse to discuss your babies health through a check-up with an opportunity to ask questions. For more information contact OEYC at 457-1391.
- **Apr. 21:** The Kawartha Marine Modellers will hold their next meeting on Fri., Apr. 21 at 8 p.m. at Henderson House in the Kawartha Settlers' Village, 85 Dunn St. in Bobcaygeon. Anyone interested in model ship building and radio control is invited to attend. For info. call Dan at 738-1335 or Tony at 328-0526.
- **Apr. 21:** Ontario Early Years Swim & Gym Spring session. Splish, Splash, and Play! Families that play together stay fit together. Sessions are for families with infants to preschoolers to have an hour each of swimming and play at the Wigamog Inn. Join in circle time and learn tips to keep your family healthy. For more details and to sign up please call Haliburton OEYC at 457-2989.

ONGOING EVENTS

- **Every Monday:** Family Supper Night will be held at Minden United Church (Newcastle St.) for families with preschool and school-aged children. Come anytime after 3:30 prepared to help with supper preparation, childcare or cleanup. Call Amanda Austin 286-3592 by 9 a.m. Monday morning if you plan to attend, or call for cost and details.
- **First Friday of every month:** Open Mike Nite at the Dominion Hotel, Main St. in Minden. Starts at 8 p.m. Local performers needed; musical, comedy, magic, poets, etc. Call 286-6954 or 286-5035 to book your act.
- **The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge at the Highland Crest Senior Citizen's home in Minden. For info. please contact Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.
- **Do you like to sing?** No experience necessary. Outloud Womyn's voices invites all women to join them every Tuesday at 6 p.m. Meetings held at the Zion United Church in Carnarvon. For further information, call Beth at 754-9558.
- **Community Care** has a trip planned for May 24 to the World Premier performance of The Lord of the Rings. This trip includes transportation by highway coach, tickets in row D, E, & F in the dress circle section of the Princess of Wales Theatre, and a delicious dinner at the Town and Country Restaurant. To travel with Community Care you must be a Trip Club Member, please call to find out more information about this trip club. Call 457-2941.

Events listings are provided FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca, or brought in to the office. Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.
NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands.



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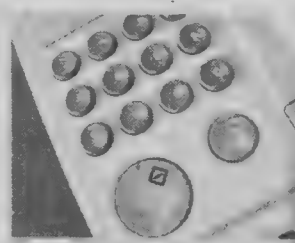
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This is a PART-TIME HOURLY position to assist and complement regular staff in the provision of public library services to the community. Successful applicants should be high school graduates with an interest in public libraries and the ability to work well with the general public. They will be required to display accuracy in the maintenance of basic files, record keeping and other duties as may be required. PROGRAMMING is an important component of the responsibilities, experience in this area would be beneficial but not obligatory. TRAINING in systems procedures will be provided and the option of participating in EXCEL skills development courses will be encouraged. Only TYPE or HAND WRITTEN applications will be considered. Please send directly to: County Librarian Haliburton County Public Library P.O. Box 119 HALIBURTON, Ontario K0M 1S0 or fax: (705) 457-9586 **NO LATER THAN April 22, 2006**

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Volunteers A960

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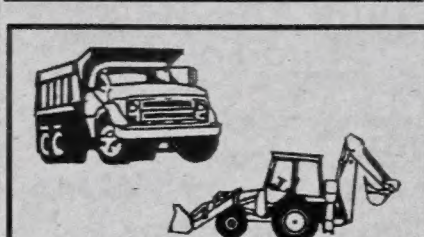
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General Employment A800

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Legal Notices A900

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
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MILDRED HOYLE deceased
All person's having claims as creditors against the estate of **MILDRED HOYLE**, late of the Township of Minden, in the County of Haliburton, who died on February 22, 2006, are hereby notified to file proof of the same with the undersigned on or before the 25th day of April 2006, after which date the estate will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall have notice. DATED at Minden, Ontario this 31st day of March, 2006. Kenneth Smith and Paul Sisson- Estate Trustee By his Solicitors, Finn Cornell, LL.B P.O. Box 158, 15 Newcastle Street Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS.
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
THE LATE KARL VERNON BARRY

All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of Karl Vernon Barry, late of the Township of Guilford, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 12th day of January, 2006, are required to file the particulars of such claim with the undersigned solicitor for the said Estate on or before the 25th day of April, 2006.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the last date named, the assets of the said Estate will be distributed amongst the persons entitled hereto by the Estate Trustee of the Estate, having regard only to the claims of which the solicitor below shall have notice. Dated at Minden, Ontario this 28th day of March, 2006. **DAVID A.P. SHAPIERA** Barrister and Solicitor P.O. Box 369 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0

Notice to Creditors AND Others in the Matter of the Estate of The late GORDON McDONALD SAMELLS
All creditors and others having claims against the estate of **GORDON McDONALD SAMELLS**, late, of the Township of Minden, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 14th day of March 2006, are required to file the particulars of such a claim with the undersigned solicitor for the said Estate on or before the 28th date of April 2006.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the last date named, the assets of the said estate will be distributed amongst the persons entitled hereto by the Estate Trustee of the Estate, having regard only to the claims of which the solicitor below shall have notice. Dated at Haliburton, Ontario this 27th day of March 2006. **RAYMOND G SELBIE** Barrister, Solicitor PO Box 186 Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
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EDITH HELEN McARTHUR, deceased
All person's having claims as creditors against the estate of **EDITH HELEN McARTHUR**, late of the township of Minden, in the County of Haliburton, who died on December 22, 2005, are hereby notified to file proof of the same with the undersigned on or before the 25th day of April 2006, after which date the estate will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice. DATED at Minden, Ontario this 31st day of March, 2006. Brian McArthur- Estate Trustee By his Solicitors, Finn Cornell, LL.B P.O. Box 158, 15 Newcastle Street Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
In the Estate of
BARBARA DOREEN ELDER deceased
All person's having claims as creditors against the estate of **BARBARA DOREEN ELDER**, late of the Township of Anson, in the County of Haliburton, who died on February 3, 2006, are hereby notified to file proof of the same with the undersigned on or before the 25th day of April 2006, after which date the estate will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice. DATED at Minden, Ontario this 31st day of March, 2006. Micheal Elder and Sheila Carrell- Estate Trustee by their Solicitors, Finn, Cornell, LL.B P.O. Box 158, 15 Newcastle Street Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
In the Estate of
MARJORIE MARY HUNTER, deceased
All person's having claims as creditors against the estate of **MARJORIE MARY HUNTER**, late of the Township of Glamorgan, in the County of Haliburton, who died on September 7, 2005, are hereby notified to file proof of the same with the undersigned on or before the 25th day of April 2006, after which date the estate will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice DATED at Minden, Ontario this 31st day of March, 2006. Oswald Kenneth Hunter- Estate Trustee By his Solicitors, Finn, Cornell, LL.B P.O. Box 158, 15 Newcastle Street Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
In the Estate of
WALTER HARLOW BARNES, deceased
All person's having claims as creditors against the estate of **WALTER HARLOW BARNES**, late of the Township of Minden, in the County of Haliburton, who died on October 9, 2005, are hereby notified to file proof of the same with the undersigned on or before the 25th day of April 2006, after which date the estate will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice DATED at Minden, Ontario this 31st day of March, 2006. Terrence Andrew Kostuk- Estate Trustee By his Solicitors, Finn Cornell, LL.B P.O. Box 158, 15 Newcastle Street Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0

Coming Events A940

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Forthcoming Marriages

Please join us in celebrating the upcoming marriage of Michelle Carpenter and Oliver Greer at "Beauty and the Goat" a Jack and Jill in their honour. April 29 at the Minden Community Centre. 9:00 p.m. - Tickets \$10.00 each. Available at the door or from any member of the wedding party. Drinks, Dancing, Food and Fun!

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Visitation & Funeral Service:

Friends may call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Sunday afternoon, April 9, 2006 from 2-4 p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Sunday evening, April 9, 2006 at 7 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy donations to Family Services of Haliburton County would be appreciated by the family.

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O'CONNOR, Beryl I. (nee Hammond) - (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario) - Peacefully at Peterborough Regional Health Centre after several battles with Pneumonia on Tuesday April 11, 2006 in her 51st year. Sadly missed by her loving husband Jim O'Connor of 24 years and their three children Keenan, Sheena & Kelsey. Beryl was a loving & devoted mother. She will be remembered by her special friends and all who knew her. Friends may call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Thursday April 13, 2006 from 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. A Private Family Funeral Service will be held. As expressions of sympathy donations to Proud Pioneers - Extensicare P.O. Box 870 Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0 would be appreciated by the family.

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Deaths

RABY, Mildred (nee Madill): Entered in to rest at Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Wednesday April 12, 2006. Mildred Raby in her 89th year was the beloved wife of the late Vern Raby (2000). Dear mother of Aileen Naylor and her husband Kaye, Reg Raby and his wife Mary, Jean Traynor and her husband Ralph, Susanne Zinston and her husband Graham, and predeceased by her daughter Joan Moynes and her husband Eldon. Loving grandmother of seven grandchildren Tommy Zinston, Lisa Parish, Donna McGregor, Kathy Naylor, Wendell Naylor, Lori Hamilton, Larry Moynes and predeceased by her grandson Philip Moynes. Great grandmother of thirteen, and her two great great grandchildren. Sister of Marguerite Orth of St. Catharines, Madeline Peacock of Gooderham, and predeceased by Scott, Emma, Iva, Andy and Ira. Daughter of the late Thomas Madill and Margaret MacDuff. The family of Mrs. Raby will receive friends at the **JARDINE FUNERAL HOME**, 8 Princes' St. West Fenelon Falls on Good Friday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.. Funeral service in the chapel on Saturday April 15 at 11 am. Interment at Fenelon Falls Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Ross Memorial Hospital or the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. On line condolences and donations can be made at www.jardinefuneralhomes.com

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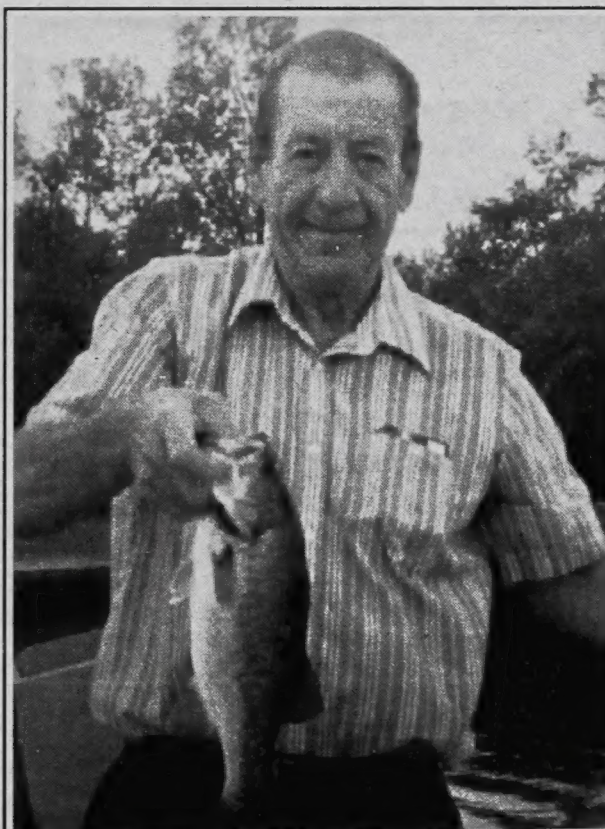
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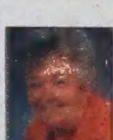


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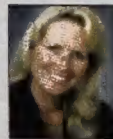
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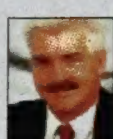
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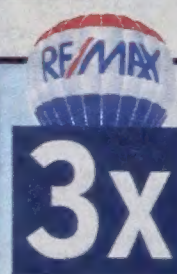
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